

celebration.

Christmas will be with you about the time this reaches you - How I wish I could afford to send you all lots of pretty things but I can't. We love you lots and talk of you often and wish you all a Merry Christmas - You will enjoy it all with Olivi's babies - Little children are the only ones who know how to appreciate it.

We are invited to a wedding on Thursday of Miss Buttery a teacher in the C. I. M. girls school to Mr Taylor a teacher in the boys school. We don't think he is her equal but as they haven't asked our consent our opinion won't stop the ceremony.

The schools close now for a

Chefoo. China. Nov.²¹ 1909.

My dearest little Mother

Your letter of Oct 19. came Nov 20 - which is hitting the month mark pretty straight. I was so glad to get your letter and Dots and Nans. I'm very anxious about Anna Lowmoo. Did you notice she didn't mention her "beloved husband" a single time. How shocking. We haven't had a word from her since she wrote at your house.

The last month has been a good and happy one with us. I can't tell much about it. The days are all alike and slip peacefully by. One day I remember I invited some of Edmond's friends to play and have their supper with mine. We finished with toffy and popcorn. They were British except one little American and didn't know what it was. But they liked it all except the little girls.

Little Emily weighed 18½ lbs when she was 18 months old and can pull her mother's leg and step half way -

